(b) The number of persons from Schedules Caste and Scheduled Tribes Communities benefited under the scheme during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given below:—

Year	Beneficiaries from Backward Classes	
	SC	ST
1997-98	358	6
1998-99	310	15
1999-2000	NA	NA

(c) The amount reportedly distributed under NOAPS by the Pondicherry Government towards the payment of old age pension during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given separately for each year as under:—

year	Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)
1997-98	21.06
1998-99	6.87
1999-2000	21.17(upto Dec.1999)

Amount released to Orissa under various RD schemes

1494. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released by Central Government for orissa under the Indira Awaas Yojana EAS, JRY and National Pension Scheme for the year of 1999-2000; and

(b) whether Government propose to release any additional amount for the said schemes in view of the devastation caused by super cyclone?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) The amount released by Central Government to Orissa State for Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), and National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) for the year 1999-2000 is as under:—

S. No.	Scheme	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	6977.04
2.	Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	9118.76
3.	Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY)	7968.98
4.	National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)	2792.07

(b) The Government of India have indicated that sufficient funds are available, and the same shall be released after expenditure of funds already released.

Condition of roads in villages

†1495. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no roads in 40 percent villages of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that wherever there are roads, they are in bad shape and most of the roads are in damaged condition and it is a very difficult to even walk on those roads; and

(c) whether Government will provide latest technology pertaining to road construction to State Governments with a view to improve the condition of roads in the villages of the country?

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